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STATISTICAL ROUNDUP

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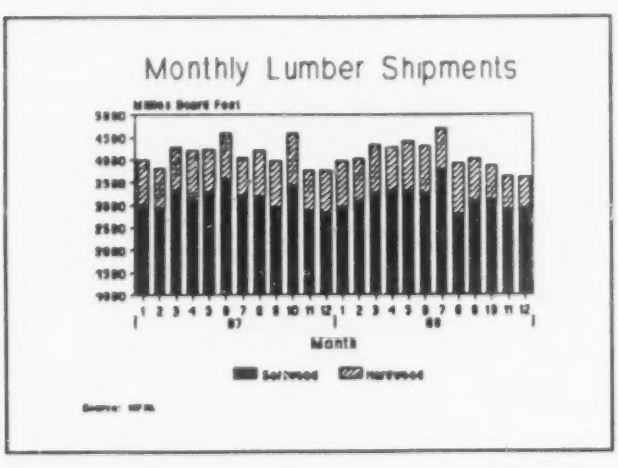
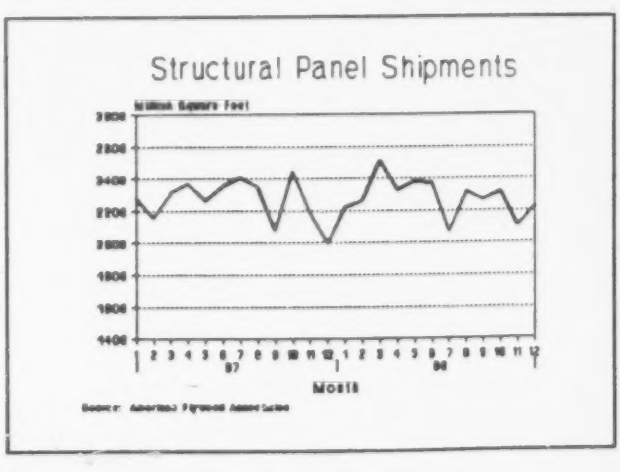
ESTIMATED INDUSTRY TOTALS BY PRODUCING REGION

	DECEMBER, 1988			DECEMBER 31, 1988		NOVEMBER REVISIONS		
	Production	Shipments	Orders Received	Unfilled Orders	Gross Stocks	Production	Shipments	Orders Received
	(Million Board Feet)					(Million Board Feet)		
SOFTWOOD LUMBER								
Southern Pine Region	928	890	872	836	2,065	1,028	1,069	1,151
West Coast Region	783	814	897	636	856	733	710	651
Inland Region	885	905	955	537	1,300	887	852	819
California Redwood Region	171	190	210	159	418	179	169	199
Other Softwoods	138	140	147	266	306	141	140	141
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	2,905	2,939	3,081	2,434	4,945	2,968	2,940	2,961
% Change - Nov. 1988	-2.1%	0.0%	4.1%	6.2%	-0.7%			
% Change - Dec. 1987	1.9%	1.4%	3.1%	6.3%	2.2%			
TOTAL HARDWOODS	690	665	689	NA	NA	747	716	710
% Change - Nov. 1988	-7.6%	-7.1%	-3.0%	NA	NA			
% Change - Dec. 1987	-30.6%	-28.6%	-26.5%	NA	NA			
TOTAL LUMBER	3,595	3,604	3,770	NA	NA	3,715	3,656	3,671
% Change - Nov. 1988	-3.2%	-1.4%	2.7%	NA	NA			
% Change - Dec. 1987	-6.5%	-5.9%	-3.9%	NA	NA			
		(Thousand Feet)					(Thousand Feet)	
FLOORING								
Oak Flooring (Bd. Ft.)	NA	15,334	NA	8,889	10,886		14,904	
Maple Flooring (Sq. Ft.)	928	1,202	892	5,678	1,778	1,068	893	1,309
STRUCTURAL PANELS (Sq. Ft.)	2,146,094	2,224,233	2,098,989	515,993	441,000	2,257,176	2,101,505	2,041,579
% Change - Nov. 1988	-4.9%	5.8%	2.8%	-24.5%	3.5%			
% Change - Dec. 1987	8.8%	11.4%	-11.0%	-39.1%	36.1%			





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YEAR-TO-DATE INDICATORS

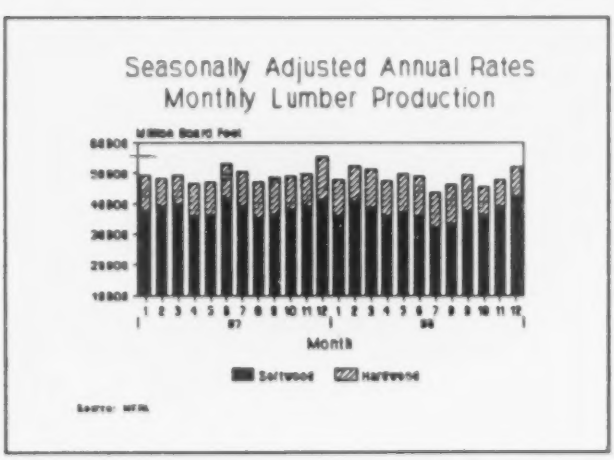
	PRODUCTION		SHIPMENTS		ORDERS RECEIVED	
	Latest Period Available	% Change	Latest Period Available	% Change	Latest Period Available	% Change
	12 mo.'88	12 mo.'87	12 mo.'88	12 mo.'87	12 mo.'88	12 mo.'87
			(Million Board Feet)			
TOTAL LUMBER	48,350	-2.1%	47,962	-3.6%	47,729	-6.4%
TOTAL SOFTWOOD	36,904	-3.5%	36,799	-3.9%	36,943	-3.7%
TOTAL HARDWOOD	11,446	2.6%	11,163	-2.6%	10,786	-14.4%
			(Million Square Feet)			
STRUCTURAL PANELS	27,568	0.1%	27,375	0.7%	26,301	-4.2%

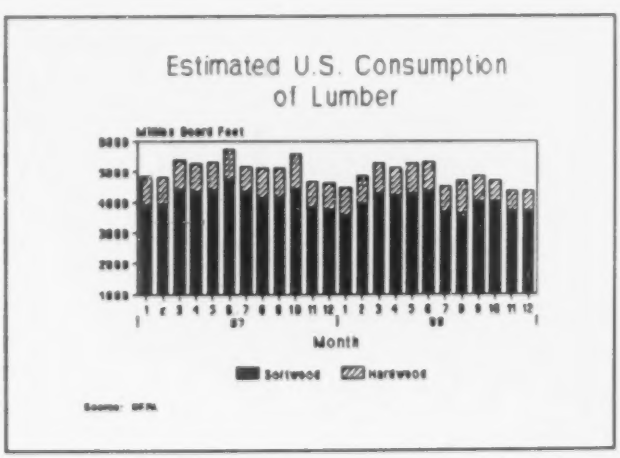
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED ANNUAL RATES

	PRODUCTION			SHIPMENTS		
		---% Change From--			---% Change From--	
LUMBER REGION	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87
	(Million Board Feet)			(Million Board Feet)		
Southern Pine	13,115	-4.2%	-6.6%	12,452	-11.1%	-9.6%
West Coast	11,879	21.8%	13.8%	11,116	20.9%	11.2%
Inland	12,806	12.7%	0.5%	12,252	20.7%	4.1%
Calif. Redwood	2,688	4.3%	12.5%	2,551	9.3%	9.2%
Other Softwoods	1,974	6.2%	1.5%	1,875	6.4%	1.4%
TOTAL SOFTWOODS	42,461	8.2%	2.1%	40,246	7.5%	1.3%
TOTAL HARDWOODS	9,569	5.6%	-30.6%	9,064	5.9%	-28.6%
TOTAL LUMBER	52,030	7.7%	-6.0%	49,310	7.2%	-5.9%

DOMESTIC LUMBER CONSUMPTION

	CURRENT			YEAR-TO-DATE	
	Latest Month Available	----% Change From----		Latest Period Available	% Change From
	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87	12 mo.'88	12 mo.'87
		(Million Board Feet)			
Total Consumption	4,112	-6.0%	-11.5%	57,662	-6.6%
Softwood Consumption	3,524	-5.6%	-6.2%	47,341	-6.4%
Hardwood Consumption	588	-8.5%	-37.3%	10,321	-7.8%

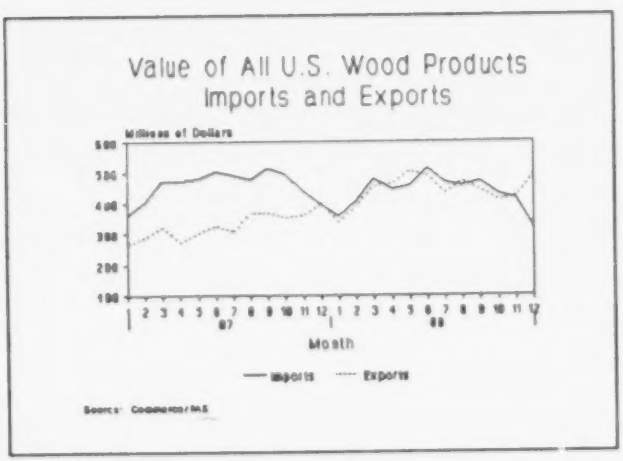


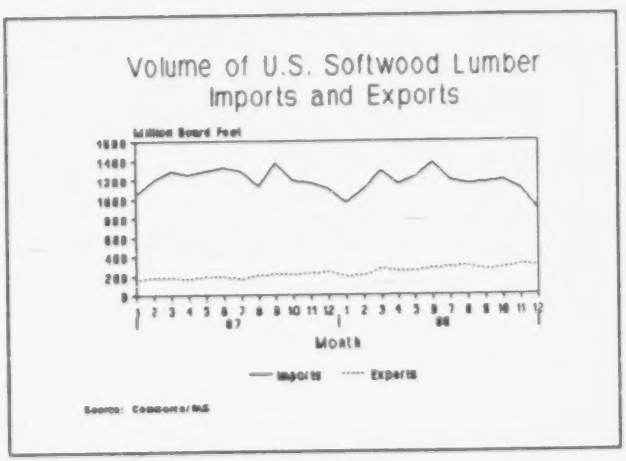


INTERNATIONAL TRADE STATISTICS

		VOLUME				VALUE (F.A.S. Thousands of Dollars)			
		Dec. '88	12 mo. 1988	% Change From Nov. '88	% Change From 12 mo. 1987	Dec. '88	12 mo. 1988	% Change From Nov. '88	% Change From 12 mo. 1987
EXPORTS									
SOFTWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	310.3	3,263.9	-2.4%	34.7%	106,939	1,131,821	-4.0%	33.1%
To Canada	MMBF	38.7	501.3	14.7%	12.6%	12,105	148,556	17.1%	29.1%
SOFTWOOD LOGS	MMBF	395.6	4,594.4	29.4%	16.0%	171,815	2,089,554	18.7%	36.9%
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD	MMSF 3/8"	161.6	1,004.4	108.0%	26.3%	35,703	227,850	106.8%	27.3%
HARDWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	109.0	1,232.0	5.2%	58.9%	55,955	654,534	3.8%	37.8%
HARDWOOD LOGS	MMBF	24.5	203.7	68.2%	36.5%	18,202	159,990	33.6%	35.3%
HARDWOOD VENEER	MMSFsurf	149.4	1,574.3	33.0%	13.7%	15,404	147,832	40.6%	32.1%
PARTICLEBOARD	MMSF 3/4"	36.3	325.9	49.1%	43.6%	8,806	81,106	54.4%	50.5%
ALL OTHER		NA	NA	NA	NA	77,266	803,090	23.7%	28.8%
TOTAL U.S. EXPORTS		NA	NA	NA	NA	493,823	5,334,811	16.8%	34.7%
IMPORTS									
SOFTWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	894.4	13,806.0	-19.4%	-6.0%	168,496	2,929,412	-26.2%	-1.1%
From Canada	MMBF	889.9	13,699.8	-19.4%	-5.9%	166,493	2,886,239	-26.3%	-1.5%
SOFTWOOD LOGS	MMBF	0.9	55.9	-56.1%	-18.6%	232	14,739	-61.8%	-22.6%
SOFTWOOD PLYWOOD	MMSF 3/8"	4.4	96.0	-36.2%	-33.1%	1,593	35,332	-29.5%	-10.5%
HARDWOOD LUMBER	MMBF	32.5	390.1	5.3%	-23.6%	15,412	186,120	17.8%	-18.0%
HARDWOOD LOGS	MMBF	1.6	12.2	70.7%	-11.8%	450	3,351	139.4%	2.5%
HARDWOOD VENEER	MMSFsurf	109.5	1,713.8	-33.7%	1.9%	11,120	160,998	-19.4%	13.5%
HARDWOOD PLYWOOD	MMSFsurf	211.2	3,262.3	-29.4%	-17.4%	38,519	542,132	-25.6%	-9.4%
HARDBOARD	MMSF 1/8"	41.8	633.1	42.0%	-23.9%	3,256	48,927	26.3%	-22.2%
PARTICLEBOARD	MMSF 3/4"	30.5	582.0	-35.0%	9.2%	8,582	155,355	-31.2%	3.5%
ALL OTHER		NA	NA	NA	NA	70,116	1,101,633	-16.7%	-12.7%
TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS		NA	NA	NA	NA	322,081	5,236,666	-22.3%	-4.9%

Note: Volume total is not possible because the products are in different units of measure.
Note: Particleboard imports include OSB/Waferboard. Particle imports converted from lbs. using a factor of 0.3472 (density = 46 lbs. per cubic foot).
Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, FAS.





U.S. EXPORTS TO MAJOR MARKETS

		VOLUME				VALUE (F.A.S. Thousands of Dollars)			
		Dec.'88	Dec.'87	YTD '88	% Change From YTD '87	Dec.'88	Dec.'87	YTD '88	% Change From YTD '87
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY									
Softwood Lumber	MBF	51,300	27,868	488,780	58.4%	24,115	14,235	232,194	30.2%
Softwood Logs	MBF	2,769	2,769	15,895	365.9%	731	209	4,650	150.5%
Softwood Plywood	MSF 3/8"	141,444	110,532	778,634	28.7%	30,965	26,849	170,513	26.6%
Hardwood Lumber	MBF	31,644	25,357	391,384	82.2%	20,303	17,116	254,533	52.0%
Hardwood Logs	MBF	7,206	5,083	62,142	7.1%	7,827	6,087	66,232	24.5%
Hardwood Veneer	MSFsurf	96,328	72,657	851,191	8.9%	10,397	8,685	87,096	25.5%
Particleboard	MSF 3/4"	4,331	2,955	34,767	12.4%	1,449	1,112	10,715	-5.3%
Other		NA	NA	NA		5,995	7,062	79,222	-2.9%
Subtotal						101,782	81,355	905,159	29.7%
PACIFIC RIM									
Softwood Lumber	MBF	130,939	130,372	1,553,349	21.5%	46,196	43,918	554,235	29.1%
Softwood Logs	MBF	353,769	304,149	4,188,442	19.7%	164,596	141,724	2,015,656	39.8%
Softwood Plywood	MSF 3/8"	1,801	1,619	23,125	58.8%	429	481	5,762	52.2%
Hardwood Lumber	MBF	42,198	27,847	396,697	65.8%	20,987	15,561	212,187	29.7%
Hardwood Logs	MBF	10,228	7,292	94,138	78.3%	7,722	5,675	69,468	50.0%
Hardwood Veneer	MSFsurf	20,048	16,528	375,945	96.4%	1,795	1,338	30,043	73.3%
Particleboard	MSF 3/4"	13,901	8,165	155,469	79.4%	2,923	1,715	34,024	123.8%
Other		NA	NA	NA	NA	45,095	28,270	420,137	52.3%
Subtotal						289,743	238,682	3,341,512	39.7%

Notes: (1) EEC countries include: Belgium & Luxembourg, Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom.
South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore and Hong Kong.
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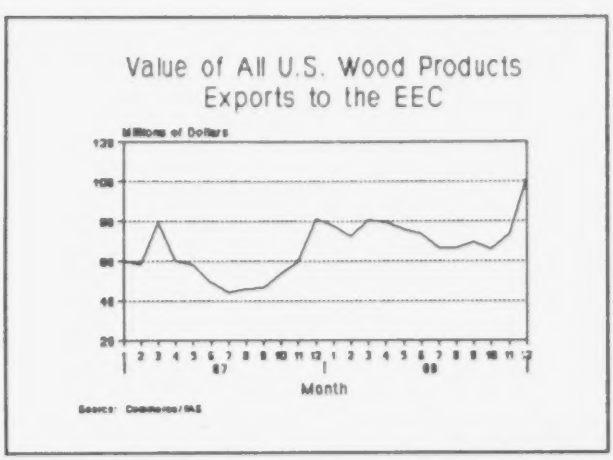

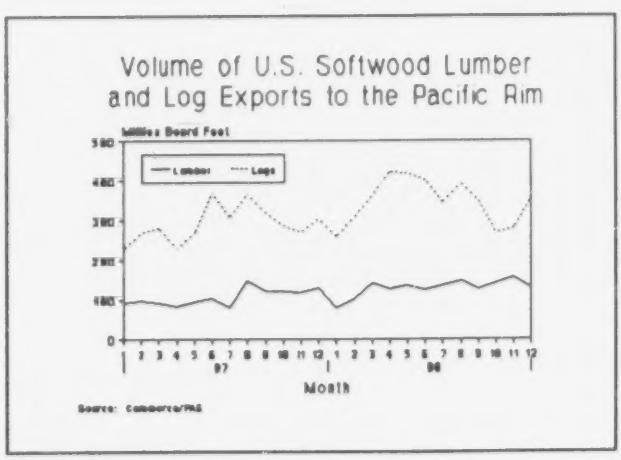

HOUSING STARTS

	Jan. '89	Dec. '88	Jan. '88	1 mo. '89	1 mo. '88
		(Thousands of Units)			
NEW HOUSING UNITS STARTED					
Total Private	99.7	93.9	78.2	99.7	27.5%
New Private Starts:					
Seas. Adj. Annual Rate	1,693	1,568	1,391	NA	NA
Northeast	296	195	330	NA	NA
Midwest	332	195	223	NA	NA
South	616	598	460	NA	NA
West	449	430	378	NA	NA
Single-Family					
Proportion of Total	69.6%			69.6%	
	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87	12 mo. '88	12 mo. '87
Shipment of Mobile Homes	14,200	17,600	14,300	218,300	-6.3%

INDUSTRY EMPLOYMENT

		----% Change From---	
	Dec. '88	Nov. '88	Dec. '87
	(Thousands of Employees)		
TOTAL EMPLOYMENT (Seasonally Adj.)			
All Industries	107,656	0.3%	3.9%
All Manufacturing Industries	19,752	0.2%	1.9%
Lumber and Wood Products	772	0.5%	2.5%
Furniture and Fixtures	542	0.4%	2.3%